

**Minutes Board of Trustee Workshop**  
**April 28, 2009**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting immediately following the public hearing for the final budget for 2009/2010.

Present: Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustees Miller, Robertson and Falloon  
Trustee Campbell arrived after the start of the meeting as he was attending a Haldane Board of Education meeting.

1. Mayor Gallagher read correspondence from Historic Hudson River Towns announcing that a flotilla of boats is scheduled to travel up the Hudson on June 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Quadricentennial.

Trustee Robertson added that Bernie Malloy of Historic Hudson River attended a Special Board meeting and was a wealth of information. He asked that Mr. Malloy be invited to attend a future board workshop.

2. Mayor Gallagher provided an update on the Quadricentennial Celebration as follows:

- a. Investigating bringing boats to Cold Spring – the Clearwater has expressed an interest- need to determine docking
- b. Concerts- would require electrical power on Dockside property and need to reduce voltage, also nighttime lighting
- c. M. Armstrong developing parking plan to protect waterfront residents and keep traffic flowing

3. Carol Casparian, Chair of the Special Board submitted her resignation citing personal and family obligations. Mayor Gallagher stated that she was an important part of the board and it will be difficult to replace. Finally, he added that her energy will be missed. Trustee Robertson recommended sending a letter of appreciation to Carol Casparian. The Village Board will immediately start the process of finding a new Chair and there was discussion about the process and the need for additional members to serve on this board. Finally, Mayor Gallagher stated that the village board would consider the recommendation of the Special Board but it is important for the Village Board to maintain their role and to determine if others in the community are interested in becoming Chair.

4. Vote on the 2009/2010 Budgets

Trustee Campbell arrived and the board moved on to the vote on the 2009/2010 budget.

Mayor Gallagher mentioned that the budget message was changed to indicate that Fish, Rock and East Belvedere Streets, *after anticipated dedication*, would be improved with this funding. Mayor Gallagher asked for a motion to approve of the General Fund budget as presented tonight. After a pause, Trustee Campbell stated that the rate of increase was more than he would like to see but factors such as the change in the hospital assessment and in revenues brings the budget to where it is. He asked other Trustees how they felt.

Trustee Robertson acknowledged the hard work on this budget but asked how much input other members had. Mayor Gallagher responded that board members have been fully involved and participated in the entire process.

Trustee Lynn Miller recognized the assistance of Mayor Gallagher and saw the budget as what is needed to maintain and better the village. She mentioned the need to pay down the fund deficit as ignoring this would open the village to drastic tax increases in the future.

Mayor Gallagher stated that he asked members to work on areas of interest and noted that Trustee Falloon worked on the Fire Company and Trustee Campbell looked at public works.

#### **General Fund Budget**

Trustee Miller moved to adopt the General Fund budget for 2009/2010. Trustee Falloon seconded. On roll call vote:

Trustee Miller voted yes

Trustee Campbell voted yes

Trustee Robertson abstained

Trustee Falloon voted yes

Mayor Gallagher voted yes

General fund budget for 2009/2010 adopted.

#### **Fireman's Service Award Budget**

Trustee Robertson moved to adopt the Fireman's Service Award levy in the amount of \$41,000 for the 2009/2010 year. Trustee Campbell seconded the motion. On roll call vote:

Trustee Miller voted yes

Trustee Campbell voted yes

Trustee Robertson voted yes

Trustee Falloon abstained as he is enrolled in the program

Mayor Seth Gallagher voted yes

Fireman's Service Award for 2009/2010 adopted.

#### **Sewer Fund Budget**

Trustee Miller moved to adopt the sewer budget for 2009/2010 with expenditures of \$386,250. Trustee Campbell seconded. On roll call vote:

Trustee Miller voted yes

Trustee Campbell voted yes

Trustee Robertson abstained

Trustee Falloon voted yes

Mayor Seth Gallagher voted yes

Sewer budget adopted.

#### **Water Fund Budget**

Trustee Campbell moved to adopt the Water Fund Budget for 2009/2010 in the amount of \$634,900 in revenues and expenses. Trustee Miller seconded. On roll call vote:

Trustee Miller voted yes

Trustee Campbell voted yes

Trustee Robertson abstained

Trustee Fallon voted yes

Mayor Gallagher voted yes

Water fund budget adopted.

5. Mayor Gallagher supplied a sample inter-municipal agreement for sharing equipment with the Town of Philipstown and asked for board consideration. Trustee Miller offered that the village can share street paving equipment to allow the village to do paving ourselves. Trustee Robertson asked for consideration of an agreement with Putnam County as well. Mayor Gallagher will ask S. Gaba to develop an agreement that will suit the village.

6. A draft report on the investigation of the manufactured gas plant contamination on New Street has been received. As the Environmental Restoration Program doesn't have funding, the village may need to participate in the Superfund program for cleanup of the site.

7. Mayor Gallagher recommended that the board hire Steward Waxman, Personnel Attorney. His primary role would be to negotiate the PBA contract. The conditions of his pay were described in a letter to the board. Trustee Robertson would support this appointment knowing of the urgency of seeking counsel and suggested that the board ask Mr. Waxman to reconsider some of his fees. Trustee Robertson moved to appoint Mr. Waxman as counsel with regards to issues with the PBA pending negotiations. Trustee Campbell seconded. On roll call vote:

Trustee Miller voted yes

Trustee Campbell voted yes

Trustee Robertson voted yes

Trustee Falloon voted yes

Mayor Gallagher voted yes

8. Trustee Robertson presented the Cold Spring Boat Club Guest Log through September 2008. There were 887 boat dockings recorded bringing in 3,107 visitors to Cold Spring who indicated that they were intending to purchase 1,846 lunches and 1,049 dinners. In addition, 1,958 were planning to visit shops in Cold Spring. Trustee Robertson also pointed out that approximately 35% of the visitors may not have been entered into the log. He added that this report demonstrates how the Boat Club participates in the village. The board discussed possible docking facilities at Dockside and ferry services.

9. The new equipment will be installed at the Tot's Park on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trustee Robertson discussed enrolling members of the Tot's Park Committee to serve on the Recreation Board. He pointed out outstanding insurance issues.

10. Terri Barr protested parking tickets given to her employees who parked on side streets. She spoke of an unwritten rule that previously allowed parking on side streets (for more than four hours) and asked if anything had changed. The board discussed general issues with parking and Trustee Robertson recommended establishing a parking committee comprised of businesses and residents. He also mentioned the detailed parking studies prepared by M. Armstrong that provided the framework for addressing this issue. He advised looking at his problem now.

11. Trustee Campbell moved to enter into executive session to conduct Fire Inspector interviews. Trustee Miller seconded and motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk